



Every hot meal is made and served with love.

Isaiah 6:8: Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I; send me."

UPDATE FROM PASTOR RUSS AND ANNE LORIA

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Let's shout 'Jesus' to a fallen world

Matthew 10:7-9 says "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."

In past outreaches of The Father's Heart ministry individuals have in-

terrupted the gospel message by screaming or making animal-like noises. Some people have shouted false doctrine.

ONE TIME on Hudson Ave there was a man who was possessed and all the volunteers and some of those on the streets just started all saying together, "In Jesus' name, In Jesus' name." Every time we would say the name of Jesus that man backed away even further.

On one outreach a man told us that he was bound to drugs and because the ministry shared the love of Christ with him he was set free and was clean and was now sharing Christ with others.

RECENTLY AT the women's ministry we ministered to a lady named "Holly." She had been brought up in the church but has walked away and is addicted to drugs. We prayed

with her and she thanked us for, as she said, "bringing the light" after she had a very dark night.

SHE SAID that she feels the demons wanting to get to her and that she knows that she must stop using drugs because it opens herself up to the enemy coming in. We got to share with her that there is power in the name of Jesus and that she needs to surrender her life to Him. She took our number, and we pray that she calls or comes to the ministry again.

MATTHEW 5:14 says, "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good

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works and glorify your Father in heaven."

WE SHARED awhile back in the beginning of the ministry about a person who was drawn to a Lake Avenue outreach by the light that was coming from the location. We desire to continue to be that light in the city of Rochester and we pray that all believers would shine the light of Jesus wherever the Lord has placed them.

Our hearts are weeping for our city, our nation, our world. But in our "Jerusalem," the city of Rochester, crime is so bad, addictions and overdoses have increased, and depression and anxiety are at an all-time high.

WE ALL need to be about our Father's business more than ever. We need to preach the name of Jesus and His gift of eternal life more than ever.

Romans 10:14-15 says, "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?"

Outreach needs

Clothing: New socks and new underwear.

General: Deodorant, small shampoos and conditioners.

Spiritual food: Spanish-language Bibles and kids' story Bibles.

Donations can be dropped off at The Father's Heart headquarters, 678 Lake Avenue, Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, and Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call (585) 472-4331.



Prayer is frequent and powerful at The Father's Heart outreaches.

And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!'

TIME IS short and now is the time for the children of God to put their hands to the plow. There is a great harvest out there. The fields are ripe to be harvested. Many are in despair and more hopeless than ever. People are lost and in need of a Savior. Let's shout Jesus and the wonderful story of redemption that He brings for those who call upon His name!

ONE OF our favorite songs the past few months is "I Speak Jesus" by Charity Gayle. Part of the lyrics are, "Your name is power, Your name is healing, Your name is life, Break every stronghold, shine through the shadows, burn like the fire. Shout Jesus from the mountains, Jesus in the streets, Jesus in the darkness over every enemy, Jesus for my family, I speak the holy name Jesus."

LET'S SHOUT His name, Jesus! Let's see the darkness fade and the light shine ever brighter than before. Let's be bold saints and get out of our comfort zones, let's see the church of Christ arise and be those who go, preaching the greatest gift, eternal life in Jesus!!!

God bless and love in Christ,
Pastor Russ and Anne Loria

The Father's Heart

Our mission is to share the love of Christ with as many people as possible and try to enhance the quality of life for all whom we witness to on the streets.

We share the word of God and feed and clothe people of the streets of Rochester, bringing hope that Jesus will grab hold of their hurting, lonely, hopeless hearts to be His hands and feet extended in love!

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Groceries are loaded during an outreach at ministry headquarters.

God Speaks Through the City

Part 48: Psalm 27:1-3
By a servant in Christ

God says 'Fear not' to give us His rest

The Father's Heart ministry has been led by the Lord to feed and heal Rochester for a reason.

In 2021, Rochester ranked as one of the cities having the highest per capita murder rate in the nation, exceeding Chicago and New York City. Stress due to the

Covid-19 virus, unemployment, political division, and increasing drug addiction have made things worse in many U.S. cities.

OUTREACH locations such as Lyell, Hudson and Clinton avenues, and previously Jefferson Avenue, have been plagued by murder and other violent crimes. These tragic events provide a powerful reason for neighborhood people to accept Christ as Lord since tomorrow is not guaranteed to any of us.

"For He says: 'In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.' Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

IT WAS a brisk day with snow flurries at one of our more chal-

lenging outreach locations. Not long before, at this very street corner, a high-risk suspect of multiple shootings had been shot after he fired at police during an arrest.

REGARDLESS OF the violence, servants were not in fear, but instead were 100 percent committed to serving the Lord, feeding neighborhood people with the Good News of Jesus.

The message had been preached by Pastor Russ, and the line was now moving through the tables. I then noticed a man slowly walking toward the outreach and waved my hand, smiling, saying hello. Surprisingly, he took several steps back shaking his head and asking me: "What do you want?"

I WAS surprised by his demeanor and softly stated that we wanted to bless him with free groceries and a meal. "Lethabo" stood there for about 10 seconds, looking into my eyes, shaking his head, and asked: "Who are you? What do you want? I can't trust nobody..."

I slowly approached him with a
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smile, hoping his comfort level would increase. It appeared as if Lethabo wanted to bypass the ministry but the only way around us would have been the street with heavy traffic. He finally took a few steps forward and explained: "The murder rate here is crazy. Gotta look out for those who want to kill me — happens all the time in the city..."

I ASSURED him that all we wanted to do was to share the love of Jesus and not hurt him. Lethabo still felt uncomfortable, declining my offer for groceries and a meal but surprisingly saying: "Don't want any of that. Please pray for my safety, and my life..."

We approached each other. I pulled up my mask and offered him one, but he did not accept. "Just want prayer," he said. "Mind if I place my hands on your shoulders?" I asked. He said it was fine but wanted a quick prayer.

I STARTED to pray for him mispronouncing his name twice, which he corrected with apparent annoyance.



Bacon-wrapped meat loaf brings warmth on a cold day.



Sometimes a reassuring hug helps reach the hurting.

As I prayed for him, Lethabo kept looking around, seemingly concerned about his safety. I gently held his shoulders to reassure him all was fine, but these gestures did not seem to help.

HE ASKED me to pray quickly so he could move on. "Worried about my life," he said. I tried to comfort him, telling him if he reached out to Jesus, his fear and anxiety would be put to rest: "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" (Psalm 118:6).

Lethabo listened but finally said, "Gotta go" and started walking away. I offered him a Bible, informing him that if he accepted Jesus as his Savior and repented of his sins, the Bible reassures us to "fear not." Lethabo waved goodbye saying, "Thanks, but I gotta take care of myself!"

SADLY, WE live in a world of fear. Fear of crime, the pandemic, inflation, illness, addiction, unemployment, and more. Although Lethabo's fear took me by surprise, given the neighborhood he lives in, the local crime rate, and perhaps his personal history, it may have been justified.

AFTER ALL, things were much easier for me because after the outreach, I walked to my car and headed back to the suburbs, while looking forward to church on Sunday. Although Lethabo's fear may not reside within me, at times I do experience fears, even though my primary fear should be that of the Lord.

I pray that my brief prayer with Lethabo impacted his heart, and he can find solace and salvation in the Lord in spite of his circumstances.

Psalm 27:1-3

A Psalm of David.

"The Lord is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?
When the wicked came against me
To eat up my flesh,
My enemies and foes,
They stumbled and fell.
Though an army may encamp
against me,
My heart shall not fear;
Though war may rise against me,
In this I will be confident."



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